

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Dec 15, 2011

PRESENT: Anthony Schirillo, Chairman; Linda Barlow, Sikorsky Aircraft; Anthony Dynderski, Sikorsky Fire Dept.; Ed Ogle, Cray Valley USA, LLC; Paul Plouffe, Service Master; Michael Abramowitz, ARES; Erik Bernard, Aquarion; John Turbeville, Ashcroft; Andrea Boissevain, Stratford Health Dept.; Maureen Whelan, Stratford Health Dept.; Andrew Anderson, Stratford Health Dept.; Greta Roberts, Stratford Health Dept.; Captain Michael Camperlengo, Stratford Fire Dept.; Asst. Chief Douglas Reitmeyer, Fire Dept. HazMat Team; Thomas Moore, Deputy EMD

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Schirillo called the meeting to order at 9:35 am. The minutes of the meeting conducted Sept 15, 2011 were approved unanimously.

The 2012 meeting dates of Thursday, March 15; June 21; September 20; and December 20 were approved unanimously.

An exercise was held recently at the Hampford Research facility on West Broad Street. The drill was to practice procedures involving accidents with drums filled with chemicals. Both the Fire Dept. and the HazMat team had an opportunity to practice their incident action plan including respiratory protection and decon. The Stratford Health Dept. also took part in the exercise. Hampford Research was complimented on setting things up well. It was estimated that a HazMat team would arrive approximately 45 mins. after the first 911 call. There is various HazMat equipment located at different sites in Fairfield County. After a real incident the DEP would provide a clean-up crew.

Another exercise was held at Sikorsky Aircraft. The command and control center was located in the Sikorsky Fire Dept. The Stratford Fire Dept. and EMS are getting familiar with Sikorsky. There will be terrorism training involving both the Stratford Fire Dept. and the Sikorsky Fire Dept. Director Schirillo said that access into buildings is a benefit for the response teams.

Reporting on future drills: Planning a drill involving mass transit would be helpful. Practicing how to control the aftermath of a bomb on a train that stopped at the Stratford train station was discussed. A similar exercise was held in New Canaan. The exercise took eight months to plan. GPS maps of the areas around train stations would help responders decide how to best access the areas. Director Schirillo reported that a few companies have expressed an interest in holding exercises in the future.

The plan for mass dispensing in our area is being reviewed. For example Sikorsky Aircraft could be a closed POD because they have their own medical staff. Atria is another logical closed POD.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

Laurie Goodsell, secretary